

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for attracting an animal comprising:
means for generating a sound ~~associated with~~ imitating a sound of a footfall of the animal.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein means further comprises:
a blunt operable to selectively strike a surface.
3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the blunt further comprises:
a substantially hemispherical surface contacting the surface when struck.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the blunt defines a sphere.
5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein means further comprises:
a spring blunt operable to selectively and vertically strike a surface.
6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein means further comprises a spring, wherein the spring at least partially extends along a substantially arcuate path.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the spring at least partially extends along a substantially straight path.
8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
means for remotely engaging the sound generating means.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein means further comprises:

a plurality of elastic cords communicating with the blunt.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for attracting an animal comprising:

means for generating a sound ~~associated with~~ imitating the sound of a footfall of the animal, sound generating means including a blunt operable to selectively strike ~~a surface~~ the ground and means for positioning the blunt relative to the ~~surface~~ ground.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein at least a portion of the positioning means is flexible.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein at least a portion of the positioning means is resilient.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein positioning means further comprises:

a spring having a first end and a second end, the spring engageable with respect to the blunt at the first end; and

an anchor engageable with the second end of the spring and positionable with respect to the ~~surface~~ ground.

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the anchor is removably engageable with respect to the ~~surface~~ ground.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the second end is immovably associated with respect to the surface when the anchor is engaged with respect to the ~~surface~~ ground.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising:
means for remotely biasing the spring.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein biasing means
further comprises:
a cord engageable with the spring.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein
positioning means further comprises:
a plurality of anchors positionable with respect to the surface ground;
and
a plurality of elastic cords, each cord engageable with respect to the
blunt and with respect to at least one of the plurality of anchors.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for attracting an animal
comprising the step of:
generating a sound ~~associated with~~ which imitates a sound of a footfall
of the animal with sound generating means.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of:
remotely engaging sound generating means.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the sound generating
step further comprises the step of:
positioning a blunt spaced from a surface with a spring, the spring
having a first end and second end, the blunt engaged with the first end of the spring.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the sound generating
step further comprises the step of:
fixedly positioning the second end of the spring relative to the surface.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein the sound generating step further comprises the step of:

 biasing the spring away from the surface with biasing means.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the sound generating step further comprises the step:

 releasing the spring with respect to biasing means; and
 striking the surface with the blunt.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Figure 3 has been amended to eliminate the lower right leader line that has no corresponding reference member.

Replacement Drawings of Figures 1-3 are enclosed as required by the Examiner. Replacement Sheet 2 of 2 incorporates both Figures 2 and 3 which were previously on separate sheets.